

SNAKES FROM THE UAUPÉS REGION

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The following notes are based on a few specimens collected by Dr. E. Biocca, in the Uaupés — Tiquié region, State of Amazonas, Brazil.

Drymarchon corais corais (Boie, 1827)

Coluber corais Boie — Isis: 537. 1827

Type Locality: America

A single specimen (skin) collected at the Tiquié river. Dorsals 17; ventrals 222; anal[?]; caudals[?]; upper labials 8-8, 4th and 5th entering the eye. The color is dark — brown anteriorly, yellowish posteriorly; belly yellowish-white; total length (tail inj.) 2360 mm.

Thalerophis richardi nigromarginatus (Günther, 1866)

Ahaetulla nigromarginata Günther — Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist., 18 (3): 28, 1866.

Type locality: Upper Amazon.

A single specimen a δ ; internasals a little shorter than praefrontals; frontal 1.5 longer as deep, as long as the parietals; loreal absent; praefrontals in contact with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th upperlabials; upper labials 9, whitish, edged with black posteriorly; nasals elongated, divided; ventrals 165; caudals 162-162; scales in 15 rows, the vertebral row smooth; the 1st paravertebral row faintly keeled at midbody; the colour is dark except in the anterior part of belly. Green in life (inf. Dr. Biocca).

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Xenodon severus (L., 1758)

Coluber severus Linnaeus — Syst. Nat. ed. 10, 1: 219, 1758.

Type locality: Asia (in error)

A single specimen (skin); I am rather reluctant to identify this specimen as *severus* — and since I have only a single skin, I have to wait for more specimens before classifying it as a new species.

Rostral twice as large as deep; internasals as long as broad; frontal as broad as long, shorter than its distance from the rostral; loreal deeper than long; 1 pre- and 2 postoculars; 8 upperlabials, 4th and 5th entering the eye; 6 lower labials in contact with the anterior chin shields which are a little longer than the posterior; ventrals 45; scales in 21 rows. The crossbands are very indistinct and belly yellowish white. I never saw a similar pattern in *severus* from others localities. Length of body 1320 mm., tail (inj.) 60 mm..

Dugandia bicincta (Hermann, 1804)

Coluber bicinctus Hermann — Obs. Zool.: 276, 1804.

Type locality?

A single specimen (skin); upper labials 8, anterior chin-shields a little shorter than the posterior; frontal as broad as long; internasals much shorter than praefrontals; ventrals 180; caudals 40 + n; scales in 19 series. Length of body 1500 mm.; tail 70 mm. (inj.).

Bothrops hyoprora Amaral, 1935

Bothrops hyoprora Amaral — Mem. Inst. Butantan 9: 222, 1935.

Type locality: La Pedrera, Colombia.

A single ♂ specimen, collected in the region between Tiquié and Uaupés rivers.

This specimen which is the first collected in Brazil was described in Bol. Mus. E. Goeldi 10 (22): 329, 1948 by A. R. Hoge.

ABSTRACT

An annotated list of a few specimens of snakes collected between the Tiquié and Uaupés rivers, Amazonas, Brazil, is given. The following species are re-

corded: *Drymarchon corais corais* (Boie, 1827), *Thalerophis richardii nigromarginatus* (Günther, 1866), *Xenodon severus* (L., 1758), *Dugandia bicincta* (Hermann, 1804) and *Bothrops hyoprora* Amaral, 1935, which is the first specimen collected in Brazil.

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